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John Y. Tateishi, national director of the Japanese-American Citizens League, walks along one of the old roads at the site of the Topaz Internment Camp.

Memories are bittersweet

Former internees recall injustices at Utah camp

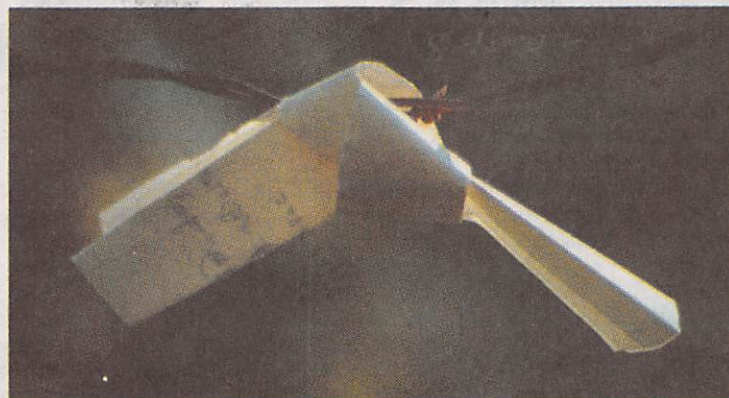
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DELTA — Children from thousands of Japanese-American families gathered in the pre-dawn hours each morning and honored the country that had removed them from their homes to face an uncertain future at the Topaz Internment Camp in Utah.

The children didn't know bet-



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A note of remembrance is tied to barbed wire at the Delta City Park.

ter. America was the only homeland they had ever known, and war-time hysteria

during 1942 was something most of them were too young to comprehend. But the irony was not

lost on the adults.

"They all pledged allegiance and sang 'God Bless America,'" recalled 80-year-old Chizu Iiyama, a former Topaz internee. In charge of education for children at the Tanforan racetrack near San Francisco where the families slept in horse stalls before being shipped to Utah, she did not stop the practice, but said it was difficult to hear. "After all, they were pledging allegiance to a government that was violating our rights, our constitutional rights, a government that had completely turned their world upside down. We didn't know what our

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his region. But I'm from southern Utah. It's not just my father or grandfather who grew up

people."

Matheson said he has always supported a ban on the proce-

Matheson agrees that his seat is an important one, but he emphasizes its importance lies

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Mitt ad capitalizes on Games

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Massachusetts voters who tuned into Mitt Romney's most recent commercial in his campaign for governor saw an image of him smiling proudly as Olympic athletes zoomed by on skis and in bobsleds.

The former Salt Lake Organizing Committee president is even wearing his official bright blue Olympic parka as an announcer describes the scandal that shook the Games as "embarrassing America."

The ad credits Romney, the Boston businessman recruited to take over SLOC, with having "cleaned it up, eliminating a huge deficit, restoring confidence and leading the Games that made us proud."

But wait a minute.

The ski and bobsled races shown weren't footage from the 2002 Winter Games. And the organizing committee's logo on Romney's parka was blurred so viewers wouldn't be able to see

the five Olympic rings.

"It is not Games-time footage," said Mark Walker, a SLOC spokesman. Instead, he said, the seven seconds of competition shown in the commercial came from the organizing committee's own video of pre-Games test events at Olympic venues.

It's NBC, the network that paid a record \$545 million for the exclusive U.S. rights to broadcast the Salt Lake Games, that controls the footage from the 17 days of actual Olympic competition.

Of course, it's the Swiss-based International Olympic Committee that ultimately decides how any Games images or logos — especially anything bearing those five rings — can be used.

No doubt it was easier for Romney's campaign to buy SLOC's pre-Games footage than to attempt to negotiate a deal with the IOC, which regularly signs deals worth \$50 million or

more with sponsors eager to use the Olympic marks to promote their products.

The deal made with SLOC cost the campaign \$1,400 — \$100 for each second of video used. Romney spokesman Eric Fehrstrom said the seven seconds of athlete video was superimposed with seven seconds of video of the former SLOC president in his parka.

Those terms, which Walker said are available to any non-profit entity, including other political campaigns, prohibited Romney from using the five rings or any other Olympic marks in the commercial.

Fehrstrom said he didn't know if viewers believed the 60-second spot, shown from late June through early August, featured Olympic competition. "I can't read people's minds," he said. "It's hard to avoid the fact that Mitt did run the Winter Olympics."

The point of the ad, Fehrstrom said, was to tell voters

that Romney can do for the state of Massachusetts what he did for the Salt Lake Games. That meant reminding them of the financial problems faced by organizers as a result of the scandal.

It seems that the scandal surrounding the more than \$1 million in cash and gifts that Salt Lake bid leaders spent to win support from IOC members had largely been forgotten in Massachusetts.

"While folks here had an understanding that Mitt was responsible for staging the Games that they had watched on TV, a lot of people had no idea the Games were mired in scandal and facing a shortfall. The ad helped fill in some of the blank spots."

Utahns will likely be pleased to hear that the campaign is moving on from showcasing the scandal. Fehrstrom said there are no plans to air the commercials again.

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or junkets to foreign lands, Matheson is traveling around the new, larger 2nd District this month. While he could drive the old 2nd District, wholly in Salt Lake County, "from end to end in 40 minutes," now he's taking trips to Moab, Blanding, St. George and Cedar City.

"I'm driving my own car, my 2000 Dodge Durango. It's a gas hog, but you can get a lot of campaign stuff in the back," he notes.

A partial list of his scheduled August appearances has 20

showing in Washington County cemented his primary victory. But he's back down south in August. "I was in Iron County and the Uinta Basin last week, and more trips are planned."

"This is a time (August) when I need to get to know people and understand their issues," said Swallow.

"I was raised in St. George. I know rural issues. But I don't concede Salt Lake County (the old 2nd District) to Jim Matheson at all. I've represented (Sandy city residents in the Utah House) for six years, longer than Jim" has been in the U.S. House.

Over the next 16 days, Swallow's tentative campaign sched-

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support of the Radioactive Waste Restrictions Act.

The act — pushed by John W. and Michael D. Gallivan, Linda Sue Dickey, lobbyist Frank Pignanelli and Utah Education officials Susan Kusiak and Phyllis Sorenson — would substantially increase the taxes on radioactive waste stored by Envirocare, with the revenue directed to the homeless and schools.

Envirocare says it would put them out of business.

Opponents said initiative

to get the initiative on the ballot — so far.

To get an issue on the ballot before voters, supporters of an initiative must meet two thresholds in Utah.

First, a minimum of 76,180 signatures have to be collected and presented to the Utah Lieutenant Governor's Office for certification. Secondly, those signatures must have a geographic distribution representing at least 10 percent of the registered voters in 20 of Utah's 29 counties.

Supporters of the Radioactive Waste Restrictions Act easily met the first requirement, collecting more than 95,000 signatures across the state. After a

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